

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Schedule Public Hearing on September 14, 2010 at 5:00 pm, located at the Sumter County Government Offices, room 142 to receive public input and consider the adoption of The Villages MSBU Annual Fire Assessment rate and resolution (Staff recommends approval).

REQUESTED ACTION: **Approve**

☐ Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** 8/10/2010
☒ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: ☒ N/A Vendor/Entity: _____
Effective Date: _____ Termination Date: _____
Managing Division / Dept: _____

BUDGET IMPACT: \$250 - Legal advertisement

☒ Annual **FUNDING SOURCE:** Sumter County Fire Services
☐ Capital **EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** 182-182-522-4911
☐ N/A

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

Sumter County Fire Assessment MSBU (Municipal Service Benefit Unit) programs have been in existence since 1999. Funds collected through the assessment program are allocated for Fire Services. The assessment program was established with two MSBU Districts (Sumter County Fire Department and The Villages Public Safety) in order to give County Commissioners the ability to establish different rates based on each MSBU's funding need.

Every year an Annual Rate Resolution Public hearing (for each MSBU) must be held prior to the Board of County Commissioners adopting each resolution. Due to advertisement deadlines and Florida State Statute guidelines, staff requests the Board to set a public hearings on September 14, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. (to be held at the Government Annex, Board Meeting Room 142, 910 North Main Street, Bushnell, Florida 33513) for Annual Rate Resolution Public Hearing for the Sumter County Fire District regarding fire rescue services assessment .

Following each public hearings the Board, can then adopt the Annual Rate Resolutions (establish annual fee) and Annual Assessment Tax Rolls. All public hearings must be held prior to September 15, 2010 when the assessment roll is due in the Tax Collector's office.

Based on prior Notice to Property Owners' the annual assessment rates have a maximum rate of \$125.00 that can be considered at this time. (To assess a rate higher than the established maximum, the Board would have to hold a public hearing and mail Notice to Property Owners' to all affected property owners reflecting the higher assessment rate being considered and the date of the public hearing). Preliminary budget projections show assessments needed to fund next year's fire service budgets are as follows:

SFD - \$106.00 annually (no increase from FY '09/10)
TVFD - \$81.00 annually (no increase from FY '09/10)
